

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 19-27 are pending. Claims 1-12 and 22-25 are rejected. Claims 19-21, 26 and 27 are allowed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication by the Examiner that independent claims 19-21 and dependent claims 26 and 27 are allowed.

To place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claims 1, 5, 9, 24 and 25.

Applicant has amended claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 22 and 23 to depend from an allowed independent claim (e.g., claim 19, 20 or 21). It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 22 and 23 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has added new dependent claims 28-51 that depend from an allowed independent claim (e.g., claim 19, 20 or 21). It is respectfully submitted that claims 28-51 are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the application is condition for allowance.

Applicant does not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner's characterization of recited claim elements. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, to argue what is allegedly well known, allegedly obvious or allegedly disclosed, or the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue, without prejudice, subject matter that has been amended and/or claimed in a continuing and/or related application.

With respect to the present application, Applicant hereby rescinds any disclaimer of claim scope made in the parent application or any predecessor or related application. The Examiner is advised that any previous disclaimer of claim scope, if any, and the alleged prior art that it was made to allegedly avoid, may need to be revisited. Nor should a disclaimer of claim

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scope, if any, in the present application be read back into any predecessor or related application.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, to charge any fee deficiencies or to credit any overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

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